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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. SWEDISH PRESS OF MAY 25 INDICATED THAT SOVIET FISHERIES MINISTER ISHKOV WILL VISIT STOCKHOLM SHORTLY TO HOLD TALKS WITH SWEDISH AUTHORITIES ON PLANNED EXTENSION OF SWEDISH FISHING LIMITS TO BALTIC MID-LINE. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET FOR VISIT, PAPERS SAY, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MINISTER ISHKOV WILL ACTUALLY BE IN STOCKHOLM WHEN SWEDISH PARLIAMENT DEBATES QUESTION NEXT WEEK

(EARLIEST JUNE 1).

- 2. GOS NATURALLY WANTS AS BROAD SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE FOR THE EVENTUALITY OF A UNILATERAL MOVE OF THIS KIND ON THE PART OF SWEDEN, BUT BILL REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO MAKE SUCH A MOVE (SEE REFTEL) HAS NOT, IT SEEMS, RECEIVED SUPPORT OF ALL THE PARTIES IN STANDING COMMITTEE (AGRICULTURE). THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN ASSERTING THAT PRIOR DISCUSSIONS WITH BALTIC STATES MERELY COMPLICATE AN ALREADY SENSITIVE ISSUE AND ARE THEREFORE DEMANDING THAT SWEDISH PARLIAMENT ACTUALLY MAKE DECISION OF EXTENDING LIMIT RATHER THAN REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO AT SOME LATER DATE.
- 3. THE CONTROVERSY LED TO MEETING YESTERDAY, MAY 24, OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COUNCIL OF PARLIAMENT (SPEAKER PLUS NINE REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES MEETING WITH KING) TO DISCUSS QUESTION AND REPORT TO STANDING COMMITTEE. FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER IS CITED BY ONE PAPER AS REITERATING, AFTER MEETING OF COUNCIL, THAT SWEDEN WILL EXTEND ITS FISHING LIMITS IN BALTIC, SKAGERRAK, AND KATTEGAT BUT IT IS STILL UNCERTAIN WHEN AND IN WHAT FORM EXTENSION WILL BE MADE.
- 4. GOS WILL NOT EXTEND, SAYS SAME PRESS SOURCE, UNTIL DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE A) WITH DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN, WHO IS VISITING STOCKHOLM MAY 26-27; B) WITH FINLAND DURING OFFICIAL VISIT OF SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER FALLDIN IN EARLY JUNE; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND C) WITH POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER WOJTASZEK, WHO IS EXPECTED IN STOCKHOLM AFTER FALLDIN'S RETURN FROM FINLAND.

- 5. AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE ISLAND OF GOTLAND IS TO BE REGARDED AS MAINLAND WHEN DRAWING MID-LINE, ANOTHER PAPER WRITES THAT SWEDISH TRUMP CARD IN THIS CONTROVERSY BETWEEN SWEDEN AND SOVIET UNION IS THAT SOVIET UNION ITSELF HAS ESPOUSED THE MAINLAND CHARACTER OF ISLANDS IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN. END UNCLASSIFIED.
- 6. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. HEAD OF MFA LEGAL DIVISION, HANS DANELIUS, CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY OFFICER THAT ISHKOV HAD BEEN INVITED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 31, BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE DAHLGREN, BUT HAD NOT YET ACCEPTED. DANELIUS SEEMED CERTAIN THAT TALKS WOULD TAKE PLACE SOON AND NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE THE FIRST OCCASION WHEN THE DELEGATIONS WOULD BE LED BY MINISTERLEVEL OFFICIALS. DANELIUS ALSO VOLUNTEERED THAT ISHKOV WOULD BE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE RIKSDAG DEBATE ON THE

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- 7. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE CONSULTATIONS SUGGESTED IN THE PRESS WITH THE DANES, POLES AND FINNS, DANELIUS SAID THE VISITS HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SOME TIME AND THE FISHING BOUNDARIES MATTER WOULD BE BUT ONE AGENDA ITEM IN EACH CASE. NONETHELESS, DANELIUS CLEARLY SUPPORTED THE NEED TO CONSULT EXTENSIVELY OTHER BALTIC STATES BEFORE TAKING FINAL ACTION.
- 8. REGARDING USSR'S ATTITUDE, DANELIUS GAVE NO INDICATION THERE WAS ANY "GIVE" EXPECTED.
- 9. LASTLY, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT AT LEAST ESTABLISHING FISH QUOTAS IN THE DISPUTED AREA, DANELIUS SAID INDEED SOME KIND OF SPECIAL REGIME IS A POSSIBILITY, BUT THE SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN NO SIGN OF WILLLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INGNESS TO DISCUSS IT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. PERRY  $\ \ \,$ 

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